

House Health & Human Resources Committee Amendment No. 1

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by deleting in its entirety all the language following the caption, and by substituting instead the following language:

WHEREAS, beginning in 1996, mental health and developmental services in Tennessee will be administered by TennCare Partners through contract with several statewide Behavioral Health Organizations (BHOs); and

WHEREAS, under TennCare Partners, the current fee-for-service reimbursement system will be replaced by a payment-per-person or capitated system; and

WHEREAS, Behavioral Health Organizations will receive a specific amount per patient to provide all needed services to people with chronic and severe mental illness; and

WHEREAS, the provision of appropriate services to chronically and/or severely mentally ill/retarded persons are of vital importance to the public welfare, and this General Assembly should carefully examine the delivery of such services in Tennessee's health care system; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That there is hereby created a special joint committee to study the delivery of mental health services in Tennessee including the role of community mental health and development agencies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special joint committee shall be composed of three (3) members of the House of Representatives and three (3) members of the Senate, to be appointed by the respective Speakers.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all appropriate agencies of state government shall provide assistance to the special joint committee, upon the request of the chair.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special joint committee shall be convened by the member with the most years of continuous service in the General Assembly. At its first meeting, the special joint committee shall elect a chair, vice-chair and such other officers that the committee deems necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all legislative members of the special joint committee who are duly elected members of the General Assembly shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special joint committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the One Hundredth General Assembly no later than February 1, 1997, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.